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Ye Smudge Pot

"To St. Helena with the Kaiser," is not the way they were yelling about him a year ago.

Coffee at a round dollar per pound indicates that the acorn crop is a failure this year.

For a man who had his dignity ruffled and his whiskers yanked at Juarez by the U. S., Carranza is wondrously silent.

The epidemic of grass fires burned up more fire engine gasoline than anything else.

Here's hoping Jack Dempsey hits Jess Willard so hard on the Fourth that when he comes to he will subscribe to war work without another battle. He hit hard, and clingeth like a barnacle to his kale during the fracas.

The Fourth of July never rolls round but what it awakens memories of that Fourth when "Our Bud" was knocked kicking by a Gotham Hebrew, and 99 per cent of the male population verged on a hysterical outbreak. Bill Bates has just begun to sling a steady razor, he felt that bad.

The col. to the windward wants the Espes crossing flat. If it is in much of a hurry it better fix it itself.

Lithia—"born with the nation," not a headache in a barrel of it!—That's all.

The old hump will get a great going over next Sunday. Last chance for the poor auto owner, who toils all week to keep it going one day, before reversion to near suds and drinks of sufficient strength to eat the rivets off copper riveted overalls.

TANGLEFOOT

(Salem Capital-Journal) Young lady, 21, worth \$60,000 cash, city property also, would marry honorable gentleman. Mrs. Warn, 2216 1/2 Temple, Los Angeles, Cal.

Nothing surprises these days. Investigation of old Tom Fuson's youth would reveal, in all probability that he is a retired tight walker.

The George Washington, the president's ship, that has been packing him back and forth across the Atlantic, reverts to its owners after the next trip. It draws too much water for Salt Creek.

CONTRIBUTION BOX

Here's an item: Cross, Jonah, Hugg & Ford are a Canadian law firm. Their letterhead says so. Can you beat it? Yours very truly R. W. E.

Now that peace is near or here, the country will be flooded with gents walking from Bangor, Me., to Astoria, Ore., for \$100,000.

It is hoped the new Italian premier Nitti, won't be forced to spell his name with a "u" in the first section.

"There is a solemn warning in prohibition," says the Bend Times. Russia went dry and crazy.

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THE IRISH QUESTION.

MOST questions have two sides. But the Irish question has three. There is the viewpoint of the Irishman in Ireland, the Englishman in England, and the neutral, up in a tree. And from the standpoint of the latter, which is the only standpoint possible at this longitude, it is difficult to understand the viewpoints of the other two. Why Ireland should want complete independence and why England should oppose it, remains a mystery, we believe, to most observers of neutral perspective.

For generations Ireland fought for home rule and got it. The war alone delayed its establishment, and but for the Sinn Fein fuss in Ireland home rule would undoubtedly be realized now. With home rule Ireland would receive the benefits of freedom and independence without the liabilities and burdens.

If Ireland were a geographical entity far removed from English shores, the case would be entirely different. Then she might readily attain commercial, industrial and racial independence. But only a stone's throw from Liverpool, there would seem to be only two alternatives for the Irish people; home rule with English friendship or independence with English hostility. And with the two countries independent and competing nations, England with her army and fleet and Ireland, with no fleet and only a relatively small army, what would be the inevitable outcome? Merely a case it would seem, of the canary and the Cheshire.

On the other hand why doesn't England grant Irish independence? For twenty years Ireland hasn't been a paying investment. She is no longer a source of profit, and she is and has been a great source of trouble. It would appear from this distance, England would lose nothing by giving Ireland what she wants, and might gain a great deal. Moreover there is the principle of self-determination.

Of course to the native Irishman and the native Englishman the question is not so simple as this. There is the religious element, the Belfast problem, and a hundred other complications that date back before Cromwells invasion. There is sufficient grief in the word, however, without delving into that.

But taking the situation in its broad outlines, it would seem that Irish pugnacity and British stupidity are the main causes for the controversy. If the Irish were less combative and the English more discerning, the trouble might be easily compromised. But with racial qualities immutable, the only solution discernable from the top of the eucalyptus is for England to discover that granting independence will be the only way of convincing Ireland that independence is not what she wants.

That may sound Irish. As a matter of fact it is. But this is the Irish question.

EDITORS ITINERARY WILSON DENIES HE IS ANNOUNCED OPPOSED SURRENDER

PORTLAND, June 25.—Will Wilke chairman of the transportation committee of the National Editorial association today announced that he has completed the details for the \$900-mile trip of more than 300 persons who will come to Portland the second week of August. He arrived in Portland Tuesday.

PARIS, June 25.—An authorized denial was made in a high American source today that there was any truth in an intimation made in the British house of commons yesterday by Horatio Bottomley, independent member of South Hackney, respecting the disposition of the German war fleet. Mr. Bottomley's intimation was that President Wilson had overruled the plea of Premier Lloyd George that the German ships should be surrendered instead of interned.

Meeting at Chicago July 26," Mr. Wilke said, "the party will proceed to Winnipeg and will travel to Edmonton, thence to Vancouver and arrive at Portland August 8. Two days will be spent here, leaving August 10 for Medford and spending the night of August 11 at Crater Lake. Leaving Victoria, B. C., August 19, for the return, the trip thru the Rockies will be made entirely in daylight."

ATLANTIC CITY, June 25.—There is a shortage of one million homes in the United States, according to William H. Garland, of Los Angeles, president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, the twenty-fifth annual convention of which body opened here today.

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